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September 14, 2004

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS
FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES (OES)
FOR THE PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN) PROGRAM
(2ND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Authorize the District Attorney, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to accept grant funds from OES for the PSN Program in the amount of \$140,355 for the period of November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004.
2. Authorize the District Attorney to execute the Grant Award Agreement (GAA) on behalf of the County of Los Angeles.
3. Authorize the District Attorney or his designee, on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, to serve as Project Director for the PSN Program, and to sign and approve any revisions to the GAA that do not affect the net County cost of the agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The District Attorney's Office has been awarded federal grant funding from OES in the amount of \$140,355 for the period November 1, 2003 through October 31, 2004 for the PSN Program.

PSN is a comprehensive approach to combating gun violence by linking prosecutors with community leaders to implement a multi-faceted strategy to deter and punish gun violence from all sides. It is a nationwide commitment to reduce gun crime by networking local programs that target gun crime with state and federal efforts. PSN is

achieving unprecedented coordination among law enforcement officials, with an emphasis on prevention, tactical intelligence gathering, more aggressive prosecutions, and enhanced accountability through performance measures. The goal of the program is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining that reduction. Under Project Safe Neighborhoods, United States (U.S.) prosecutors are ready to bring cases involving illegal gun use to federal court.

On December 31, 2003 the State Office of Criminal Justice Planning (OCJP) was closed and OES was designated as the program administrator. The agency transfer delayed grant award notification, which in turn delayed the implementation of the program. Board authorization is required to accept the grant award for this period.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Acceptance of this grant award supports the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 4, Fiscal Responsibility, by securing an available revenue source at the federal level, as well as Goal No. 5, Children and Families' Well-being, in the area of safety and survival.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Federal funds in the amount of \$140,355 have been awarded to the Los Angeles County District Attorney for the PSN Program by OES for the period of November 1, 2003 to October 31, 2004. The total program cost is estimated at \$162,390 for one Deputy District Attorney (DDA). The District Attorney's Office will absorb the remaining program cost of \$22,035.

Implementation of the program began on March 1, 2004. The grant award documents were sent by OES on August 9, 2004. The department will seek a grant period extension to allow the grant award amount to be fully expended. The total program cost incurred in FY 2003-04 was \$54,410.

Funding for this program is included in the department's 2004-05 budget in the amount of \$94,000. If an extension is granted, existing appropriation will be used and any additional revenue will offset other revenue shortfalls. Program funding for a second year is subject to continued appropriation in the federal budget.

If funding for this program were terminated, an evaluation would be conducted to determine whether the program would either be continued with costs being absorbed by the department, or discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Existing California Statutes limit firearm sales and prohibit persons convicted of a broad range of offenses from owning, possessing, controlling, receiving, purchasing or having custody of any firearm. Through vigorous enforcement and prosecution of existing firearm statutes, this program will strive to disarm criminals who use guns and significantly reduce firearm violence in the 77th Street Division and Central Judicial District.

In 2002, the U.S. Attorney for the Central District and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) selected the 77th Street Division of LAPD for enhanced firearm enforcement efforts. The PSN Program will allow for a targeted prosecution strategy to strictly enforce gun statutes and vertically prosecute firearm offenses occurring in the 77th Street Division area, thereby reducing gun violence in the entire central Los Angeles community.

One DDA will work closely with 77th Station detectives and patrol officers and will be readily available to provide guidance in ongoing investigations and assessing sufficiency of evidence, assisting with search warrants, and training.

In addition, the PSN prosecutor will vertically prosecute the most serious PSN gun cases arising in the 77th Street Division from preliminary hearing through completion of the case, seeking the most appropriate sentences in each case and requesting destruction of all weapons at disposition.

This first year of PSN implementation involves collection of data on gun prosecutions, sentences and probation violations and enhancing working relationships with the U.S. Attorney, LAPD, Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATFE), Department of Probation, State Parole, and other agencies targeting gun crime in the 77th Division.

Program outcomes to be reported include: comprehensive area-wide crime statistics, gun recovery and forfeiture data, prosecutions, and probation and parole revocations.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

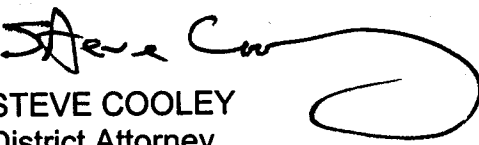
This program does not propose attorney staff augmentation. Therefore, the District Attorney's Office is not subject to the Board Motion of December 15, 1998, requiring clearance with the Alternate Public Defender, Probation, Public Defender, and Sheriff's Departments.

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CONCLUSION

Following Board authorization to accept the grant award for this program, the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board is requested to return two copies of the adopted Board letter to Emily Aidells, Contracts and Grants Unit, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, 201 North Figueroa Street, Suite 1300, Los Angeles, California 90012. Any questions may be directed to Ms. Aidells at (213) 202-7674.

Very truly yours,


STEVE COOLEY
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Enclosure

c: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel

**Los Angeles County Chief Administrative Office
Grant Management Statement for Grants Exceeding \$100,000**

Department: District Attorney

Grant Project Title and Description

Project Safe Neighborhoods Program

Through vigorous enforcement and prosecution of existing firearm statutes, this program is designed to disarm criminals who use guns and significantly reduce firearm violence in the 77th Street Division of the Los Angeles Police Department. The goal of the program is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and sustaining that reduction.

Funding Agency
Office of Emergency Services

Program (Fed. Grant # /State Bill or Code #)
Grant No. US03D10190

Grant Acceptance Deadline

Total Amount of Grant Funding: \$140,355

County Match: \$0

Grant Period: FY2003-2004 **Begin Date:** November 1, 2003

End Date: October 31, 2004

Number of Personnel Hired Under This Grant: 1

Full Time: 1

Part Time: 0

Obligations Imposed on the County When the Grant Expires

Will all personnel hired for this program be informed this is a grant-funded program? Yes ☒ No ☐

Will all personnel hired for this program be placed on temporary ("N") items? Yes ☒ No ☐

Is the County obligated to continue this program after the grant expires? Yes ☐ No ☒

If the County is not obligated to continue this program after the grant expires, the Department will:

a). Absorb the program cost without reducing other services Yes ☐ No ☒

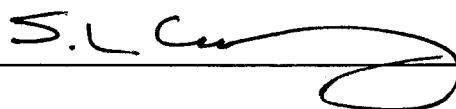
b). Identify other revenue sources Yes ☐ No ☒
(Describe) _____

c). Eliminate or reduce, as appropriate, positions/program costs funded by the grant. Yes ☒ No ☐

Impact of additional personnel on existing space: None.

Other requirements not mentioned above:

Department Head Signature _____



Date 8/23/04